Resolution No: 15-1151

Introduced: <u>September 6, 2005</u> Adopted: <u>September 27, 2005</u>

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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SUBJECT:

Supplemental Appropriation 6-2 to the FY06 Operating Budget

Montgomery County Public Schools
Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, \$291,500

Background

- 1. Section 5-105(d) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides for the expenditure of non-local funds by the County Board of Education after adoption of the budget, only with the approval of the County fiscal authority.
- 2. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week's notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of five Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
- 3. The County Executive received the Board of Education's action of July 6, 2005, requesting a supplemental appropriation to the operating budget as follows:

Category Amount Funding Source
09 Student Transportation \$291,500 State Aid

4. The Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) makes grants to local governments for programs to control and reduce pollution in order to meet requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act. Montgomery Country is one of the jurisdictions in the Washington, D.C.-Maryland-Virginia area that must take steps to reduce emission produced by cars, trucks, and buses. The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) operates 1,200 school buses that use more than three million gallons of diesel fuel each year and are a significant component of the region's air quality. MCPS will use the requested funds to convert the Bethesda bus depot from the use of regular diesel fuel to ultra low sulfur diesel fuel and to retrofit 125 buses with emission reduction devices.

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- 5. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY06 Operating Budget of \$291,500 and has specified that the source of funds will be State Aid.
- 6. Notice of a public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

A supplemental appropriation to the FY06 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Public Schools is approved as follows:

Category	Amount	Funding Source
09 Student Transportation	\$291,500	State Aid

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer Clerk of the Council